

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Gerardus Wilhelmus Maria Besseling  
Serial No. 10/054,142  
Group Art Unit 1746  
Examiner El Arini, Zeinab  
Filed January 22, 2002  
For METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE REMOVAL OF DIRT  
BY MEANS OF STEAM AND DETERGENT

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 14, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse claims 1-10 for the removal of dirt.

REMARKS

Applicant makes the above provisional election with traverse. Applicant has invented an improved dirt removal method and device. Contrary to the Examiner's contention, the method claims 1-10 still need a supply of water to create the steam. Thus the contention that the method does not need a first pump is relatively unimportant. Secondly, both inventions need to be searched through the same classes.